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SUBJ: INMARSAT CONFERENCE, SECOND SESSION: RESOLUTION
ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

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1. EUR DEL INTRODUCED CONFERENCE PAPER IN PLENARY FEB
13 CONTAINING RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRE-
PARATORY COMMITTEE TO FUNCTION IN INTERIM PERIOD BEFORE
CONVENTION COMES INTO FORCE. DISCUSSION ON PAPER
DEFERRED AT REQUEST AUSTRALIA, SUPPORTED BY US AND INDIA.
PLENARY WILL AGAIN TAKE UP PAPER FEB 17 AT WHICH TIME
A WORKING GROUP WILL BE FORMED TO CONSIDER THE MATTER.

2. RESOLUTION TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

THE CONFERENCE,

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DESIRING TO EXPEDITE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE INMARSAT

ORGANIZATION ONCE FINALLY ESTABLISHED AND TO BRING AN INMARSAT SYSTEM INTO BEING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,

RESOLVES TO ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN WHICH EACH STATE THAT ACCEPTED THE RESOLUTION BY SUBMITTING A DECLARATION TO THAT EFFECT WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMAO MAY PARTICIPATE AND DECIDES THAT:

1. WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF THE END OF CONFERENCE A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SHALL COME INTO EXISTENCE. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE UNTIL THE INMARSAT CONVENTION ENTERS INTO FORCE AND THEREAFTER UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OR COUNCIL, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER, OR, AS THE CASE MAY BE, UNTIL THE FIRST DATE ON WHICH, UNDER ARTICLE 39(2) THE CONVENTION CAN NO LONGER ENTER INTO FORCE. THEREUPON AFTER SETTLEMENT OF ANY OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE RETURNED TO STATES REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE IN PROPORTION TO THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

2. THE EXPENSES OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE MET BY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PARTICIPATING STATES ON THE BASIS OF (THE INITIAL INVESTMENT SHARES INCLUDED IN THE ANNEX TO THE OPERATING AGREEMENT) (EQUAL ALLOTMENTS). THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SHALL INVITE THE COUNCIL OF INMARSAT AT ITS FIRST MEETING TO OFFSET MONIES CONTRIBUTED BY STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS AGAINST THE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS SPECIFIED FOR THE SIGNATORIES OF THESE STATES IN THE ANNEX TO THE INMARSAT OPERATING AGREEMENT.

3. THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SHALL:

3.1 ELECT ITS OWN OFFICERS, MEET AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY, ESTABLISH A TECHNICAL PANEL AND ANY OTHER PANELS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS ON THE BASIS OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE VOTING AND OTHER PROCEDURES SPECIFIED IN THE INMARSAT CONVENTION AND OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR THE (ASSEMBLY) (COUNCIL) IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SO FAR AS THESE ARE RELEVANT.

3.2 ESTABLISH A SUPPORTING SECRETARIAT TO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS IT MAY DETERMINE.

3.3 MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH IMCO FOR THE SERVICING OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

4. THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE SHALL, AS APPROPRIATE, PREPARE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ORGANS OF INMARSAT, PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

4.1 RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL, INCLUDING RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS;

4.2 FINANCIAL AND STAFF REGULATIONS.

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5. THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE SHALL NEGOTIATE AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE PROVISIONAL ACTION, UNTIL THE ORGANS OF INMARSAT HAVE ACTED THEREON, IN RESPECT OF:

5.1 A DRAFT HEADQUARTERS' AGREEMENT WITH THE HOST COUNTRY;

5.2 PREMISES FOR THE INMARSAT ORGANIZATION.

6. THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE SHALL INITIATE THE FOLLOWING STUDIES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY:

6.1 THE DRAWING UP OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
FOR THE INMARSAT ORGANIZATION;

6.2 CONSIDERATION OF THE NEED FOR AND THE POSSI-
BILITY OF OBTAINING A MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACTOR;

6.3 THE DEFINITION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND THE DIRECTORATE AND THEIR RELATION-
SHIP WITH ANY MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACTOR OR OTHER
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6.4 THE STUDY OF SYSTEMS EITHER IN BEING OR IN
DEVELOPMENT AND A STUDY OF LONG-TERM SYSTEM CONFIGU-
RATIONS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE ORGANIZATION TO GIVE
EFFECT TO ITS PURPOSE;

6.5 TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS;

6.6 AN EVALUATION OF ECONOMIC FORECASTS;

6.7 THE STUDY OF SERVICES TO BE OFFERED BY THE
ORGANIZATION AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL MARKET;

6.8 SUCH OTHER STUDIES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY.

7. THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR AND CONVENE THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING NO LATER THAN
3 MONTHS AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE INMARSAT CON-
VENTION AND THE ASSEMBLY MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THEREAFTER.

8. THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE SHALL INVITE APPLICATIONS
FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL
AT ITS FIRST MEETING.

9. THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE MAY INVITE INTER-GOVERN-
MENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO ATTEND ITS MEETINGS AS OBSERVERS.

10. THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE, ANY
PANELS IT ESTABLISHES AND ITS SECRETARIAT SHALL BE KEPT
TO A MINIMUM AND SHALL NOT EXCEED (\$0.5 MILLION) (\$1
MILLION) PER ANNUM. (THE PREPATORY COMMITTEE SHALL
NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO COMMIT THE INMARSAT ORGANI-
ZATION TO EXPENDITURE BUT EXCEPTIONALLY THE PREPATORY
COMMITTEE MAY INVITE ITS PARTICIPATING STATES TO AUTHORIZ-
SPECIFIED EXPENDITURE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
PURPOSES UP TO (\$200,000) A YEAR ON THE UNDERSTANDING

THAT SUCH EXPENDITURE WOULD HAVE PRIORITY IF THE INMARSAT
ORGANIZATION DECIDED TO REIMBURSE STATES PARTICIPATING
IN THE PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS.) STATES REPRESENTED
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ON THE COMMITTEE, OR ON ANY PANELS IT ESTABLISHES, SHALL
BEAR THE COSTS OF SENDING THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO
COMMITTEE AND PANEL MEETINGS.

INVITES GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND TO ACCEPT
THIS RESOLUTION BY SUBMITTING A DECLARATION TO THAT
EFFECT WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INTER-GOVERN-
MENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION.

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